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# Western Massachusetts Broadband Workshop

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**When:** **October 15, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

**Where:** **Grand Ballroom**  
**The Hotel Northampton**  
**36 King St.**  
**Northampton, MA 01060**  
**413-584-3100**

**The event is free, but please register**  
**(see below)**

This **FREE** workshop is for businesses, local governments, economic developers, educators, libraries, health care and emergency services agencies and others who want to learn more about broadband matters relevant to this region. Topics to be covered include potential funding sources for Broadband through USDA Rural Development, and broadband issues and opportunities in western Massachusetts.

Time will be available for individual meetings of prospective loan or grant applicants with Rural Development staff.

### Conference Agenda

8:00-9:00 am	<b>Registration/Refreshments</b>	1:00-2:00 pm	<b>A Broadband Success Story</b> Charlie Davenport Topsham Communications
9:00-9:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> David Tuttle, Rural Development State Director, Massachusetts Special Guest, Commissioner Sharon Gillette, Mass. Dept. Telecommunications and Cable	2:00-2:30 pm	<b>Public/Private Partnerships to Bring Broadband to Rural America</b> Gary Marx Marx and Lieberman
9:30-11:00 am.	<b>Broadband Funding Available from USDA Rural Development Including Changes from the 2008 Farm Bill</b> Mary Campanola, Rural Development Telecommunications Program	2:30-3:30 pm	<b>Q &amp; A</b> <b>Open Discussion on Next Steps, Possible Partnerships</b> Facilitated by David Tuttle and Mary Campanola
11:00-12:00 am	<b>Massachusetts Broadband Issues and Opportunities</b> Speakers to be announced	3:30-5:00 pm	<b>Individual discussions with Rural Development staff as desired</b>
12:00-1:00 pm	<b>Lunch on your own</b>		

**To register:** Please email Maril Alsup-Stockwell at [Maril.Stockwell@ma.usda.gov](mailto:Maril.Stockwell@ma.usda.gov). Please provide name, title, organization/company, and phone number for each attendee. For questions on the USDA Rural Development broadband programs, please visit [www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/](http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/) or contact Mary Campanola at 202-720-8822 or [Mary.Campanola@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Mary.Campanola@wdc.usda.gov)

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